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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITAIRNA CASE: RUTH ENGEL/ERWIN KNOP

REF: A) STATE013629

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 26 FROM RUTH ENGEL, ADVISING THAT, IN MID-FEBRUARY, SHE WAS INFORMED BY THE GDR AUTHORITIES THAT HER MARRIAGE TO ERWIN KNOP MUST OCCUR IN DRESDEN PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FROM THIS COUNTRY. SHE SAYS THE MARRIAGE IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 13 IN DRESDEN. SHE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION THAT HER EXIT PERMIT WILL BE RAPIDLY APPROVED AFTER MARRIAGE.

2. ON MARCH 2, EMBOFF CONTACTED CONSULAR DEPARTMENT(MFA) (KOLASA), REFERRED TO AN EMBASSY NOTE OF JUNARY 20, 1976, IN WHICH THE SPECIFIC DESIRE OF MR. KNOP AND MRS. ENGEL TO MARRY IN THE UNITED STATS WAS CALLED TO THEMFA'S ATTENTION , AND ASKED IF MRS. ENGEL'S TRAVEL IN A FIANCEE STATUS TO THE US COULD NOT BE APPROVED TO ASSIST THESE TWO PEOPLE IN BEGINNING THIS NEW CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES. KOLASA REPLIED THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE AND
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SAID FLATLY THAT THIS DECISION OF " THE RESPONSIBLE

AUTHORITIES" COULD NOT BE CHANGED.

3. WE BELIEVE ALSO THAT A MINIMUM OF SIX WEEKS CAN BE EXPECTED BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND ISSUANCE OF EXIT PERMIT. SOME CASES WE KNOW OF HAVE HAD DELAYS OF THREE MONTHS. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT KNOP ASAP, CONFIRM HIS TRAVEL PLANS, AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO HIM BEFORE HIS TRAVEL TO THE GDR FOR THE MARRIAGE:

A. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO SPEED THE ISSUANCE OF THE EXIT PERMIT FOR MRS. ENGEL AFTER THE MARRIAGE, HE SHOULD NOT PLAN ON AN ISSUANCE EARLIER THAN SIX WEEKS AFTER MARRIAGE.

B. ONCE THE MARRIAGE OCCURS, THE APPROVED FIANCEE PETITION IS NO LONGER VALID. THE EMBASSY WILL ASSIST HIM IN COMPLETING THE NEW I-130 PETITION, PROPER FOR PETITIONING FOR IMMEDIATE RELATIVE STATUS FOR HIS WIFE. THE PETITION WILL BE SENT TO INS FRANKFURT FOR APPROVAL. INS WILL BE ALERTED.

4. FOR FRANKFURT: THIS INVOLVES A GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING AND RETURN TO US OF THE I-130 WHEN YOU RECEIVE IT.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN THESE CASES WHERE THE GDR AUTHORITIES INSIST ON MARRIAGE OCCURRING IN THE GDR EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE PREPARED TO RELEASE THE PERSON INVOLVED ULTIMATELY. WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THE GDR USES THIS BUREAUCRATIC DEVICE TO HARRASS THE SUBJECTS IN THESE CASES AND TO DISCOURAGE OTHER PEOPLE FROM TRYING TO LEAVE THE GDR BY THESE "LEGAL" PROCEDURES.

6. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST - SENATOR JOHN V. TUNNEY. COOPER

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